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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD****SUBJECT: PSB Meeting held Wednesday, 5 August 1953****Present: General Smith, Messrs. Kyes, Stasse  
Dulles, Jackson, Morgan**

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**2. PSB Relations with USIA.**

It was decided to defer this matter until Streibert had had a chance to shake down a bit in his job. Propose to put it on the agenda for an early meeting.

**3. Decline of American Prestige Abroad.**

WBS proposed that the State Department make available to us any information which they had on the subject and that we then proceed to make a National Estimate based on this material and material we might receive ourselves. This procedure was approved by the other members of the Board and I said I would take it under consideration. (I recognize that the preparation of this report may involve some rather delicate issues and we should consider whether this should be a coordinated estimate bringing in the other agencies who may possibly be loathe to tackle an issue which is so largely political. I suggest we discuss this before I get away so as to lay down a course of action.)

NSC review(s) completed.

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CDJ circulated a telegram he had received from a Rumanian [ ] concerning polio and other epidemics in Rumania. I said I had seen no intelligence on the subject but would look into it.

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WBS said that he thought the slogan "Every German help a German" which was being used in West Berlin and West Germany was an excellent one and should be pushed. HS suggested we might have a look at the situation in Poland or one of the other satellites in case there were any food or epidemic situations there which would give us a peg on which to hang some action.

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5. Draft Executive Order on OCB.

No one liked the last draft circulated by the Budget and WBS said he preferred our draft which I circulated. It was felt that we should try to get together before the meeting of the Bureau of the Budget on Friday so as to present a common front.

6. Albania.

There was considerable discussion on this subject and I will report further on it orally.

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